



The Soon Coming of Jesus

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Rev. 22:16, "I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." This is the last testimony of Jesus Christ of Himself. This is given in the last book of the Bible and it is connected with the message given by our Lord to those who expect His return. We may or may not be here long, we cannot tell, but we do know that conditions of the world certainly bespeak the soon coming of our Lord. There is much in the Scriptures to encourage us. Read 2 Tim. 7:8; Titus 2:11-13; Heb. 10:36, 37; Heb. 9:28. All these scriptures are consolation to those who are expecting the soon return of our Lord.

When we read our text we find that it sustains, strengthens, and establishes our hearts, and especially we would say to those who are likely to become despondent and discouraged, that we should look up for our redemption draweth nigh. Jesus makes this announcement in His closing remarks to John the Revelator, "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify these things in the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." The scripture says His name shall be called Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins. Thus our blessed Lord is to His earthly people the root and offspring of David. He is the hope

of all the descendants of Abraham and the Church. In Him the promise is made to David, and this promise will be fully realized in the kingdom age. 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Luke 1:32-33.

When He comes to reign in power and great glory, at the end of the tribulation week, the promise made to the Church to be co-heirs and co-rulers will be realized. First, Jesus will come to rapture His saints, 1 Thess. 4:13, and all those who are ready will go to meet Him in the air. There is much comment these days on the dead in Christ and also the living saints, as to who will go or what preparation is needed for this great and glorious event. I want to warn the people that it will take strict adherence to the entire Word of God and living up to all the light that shines on our pathway. It makes me shudder to read some articles that I have read lately in different magazines and church publications. The trend of the thought given in these articles is that all will go. I wonder what they will do with the tribulation saints mentioned in Rev. 7:1-15. I tell you, it is going to take the real blessings of God for people to be ready to go when Jesus comes and I am sure that in Matt. 25 the description of the foolish virgins proves beyond a doubt that all will not go. These virgins had great ex-

pectation but they didn't have the oil. They must have been called Christians because the word "virgin" is ascribed to them. There will be a line drawn, I am sure, when He comes to resurrect the dead in Christ and to catch away His waiting saints who are ready to meet Him.

Rev. 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests with God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." V. 5, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." This is the first resurrection. This proves beyond a doubt that there will be many dead who will not be resurrected at His coming to rapture His children. Also, he that is raptured shall be blessed and holy. We are sure that His coming to the descendants of Abraham and their realizing and turning to Christ will be in the middle of the tribulation week. Dan. 9:27. The returning of the Jews now is an index finger pointing to the soon coming of Christ, and it will be in this week of tribulation that the descendants of Abraham will turn to Christ and accept Him as their Messiah. This will be a glorious day for the Jews, and it speaks for them a better time. It is called by many writers "the sunrise" of the final glories that are to be given to the descendants of Abraham. Mal. 4:2 includes all who accept and love Christ. Many think that

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Notices

Anyone wishing to have a singing school in Tennessee or adjoining states I would be glad to correspond with you concerning the same, and arrange dates.—Yours for better singing, B. C. Robinson, 1901 Magnolia Ave., Cleveland, Tenn.

To the churches in the Tampa district; viz., Largo, Sulphur Springs, St. Petersburg, Lake Thonotosassa, Tampa: Our district convention will convene at Clearwater, Fla., Feb. 8-10. We urge each member to put forth a special effort to attend this convention, especially all the ministers, deacons, Y. P. E. leaders, and Sunday School superintendents. Our state overseer will be in charge. We will have dinner on the ground Sunday, the 10th. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket and expect a great feast with the Lord. Come one and all. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost will be there to bless.—W. M. Rumler, district overseer, 2943-18th Ave., Tampa, Fla.

To whom it may concern: I am at Greenville, N. C., pastoring the church. I would like to hear from my friends.—Your humble brother, J. W. Watson, 1615 Broadway St.

I have several numbers of Evangelists, also good clean holiness Sunday School papers, that I will send to those who will send postage. These will be excellent for distribution. Will send all I can for the amount of stamps you send, while supply lasts. Pray for me and the church at Beechwood.—Yours under the blood, John F. Brand, Opokiska, W. Va.

This is to notify you of our regular appointments for each church in the Davisboro district: Oconee church, Feb. 3, 2:00 p. m.; Downs, Feb. 3, 7:00 p. m.; Edgehill, Feb. 10, 7:00 p. m.; Oconee, Feb. 17, 2:00 p. m.; Downs, Feb. 17, 7:00 p. m.; Edgehill, Feb. 24, 7:00 p. m. We welcome every one to these services. Members please do your best to be present. The church needs your support. Let's be praying, paying, and working members. We will be looking for you.—V. E. Hooks, district pastor, 111 Second Ave., Tenn., Ga.

The Church of God at West Junction, N. C., desires to hear from the following by the second quarterly conference, April 6: W. A. Ryals, W. C. Lindsay, Robert Lee, Cathelene Moore, Florence Messer. If not heard from your names will be dropped.—Your brother, W. J. Dover, clerk, Rt. 3, Gastonia, N. C.; T. F. Blackwell, pastor, West Gastonia, N. C.

I have been appointed by the state overseer of Georgia as music teacher for Georgia. If any one desires a singing school or wishes to get in touch with me, write me R. F. D. 3, Rome, Ga.—W. H. Daniel.

Being thoroughly "sold" on the teachings and practices of The Church of God of which Brother S. W. Latimer is General Overseer, and aware of the power that the public press has on many people, also being familiar with the viewpoints of publishers, editors, reporters and correspondents of newspapers, with the desire to be of service, if possible, prompts me to make the offer of the use of my experience and knowledge to any Church of God leader or worker anywhere.

The newspaper owners and publishers' prosperity depends on subscribers and readers. The larger their circulation the easier it is for them to influence advertisers to buy space from them. So it behooves them to carry in its columns news that is of interest to all creeds.

An organized body has a better chance to obtain free space than an individual because more people are affected. If state and district overseers of the Church, Y. P. E. or the Sunday Schools, would ascertain what newspapers their members or friends read and inform the publishers or the managing editor to that effect, and state to them under the subheads of: What; Who; Where; When; Why or How of that they want published, they will find that the majority are glad to receive the items for publication at no cost.

Each large community, town or city has a correspondent to a daily, tri-weekly, or semi-weekly paper. Sometimes these correspondents are bigoted and self-centered and of different belief from others. Such a small caliber person will

cater to his or her own crowd and ignore others that have the rights to their convictions and practices.

The same holds true as to some reporters and minor editors. I have experienced some of the trials that beset the publicity representatives of different religious organizations.

If any Church of God leader or worker in any or all departments of the Church of God wants my assistance, at no cost, in obtaining publicity anywhere, all they will have to do is to send me a stamped envelope and paper with the name and address of the newspaper they want it to appear in and the full details of what they desire published, and I will be glad to assist them.

My address is 304 Old Mountain Road, Chattanooga, Tenn.—Sincerely your brother in Christ, Ben M. Bright.

We wish our friends to know that our address is Scalp, N. C. Pray for our church here. We are expecting a great year and are trusting God for both soul and body.—W. L. and Mrs. Ramsey.

To all the churches in the Tallahassee district:

We are with you to do all the good we can but as we are a little late getting moved over, it will be some time before we will be able to visit the churches for quarterly conference. However, we will notify the churches in plenty of time.—Your humble brother, J. S. Collins, East Tallahassee, Ala.

To the Sunday Schools of North at Greenville, N. C., pastoring the Carolina: I want the names and addresses of all the district superintendents and all the superintendents of schools, at once, as we are getting a late start on the Sunday School work. As there is so much mailing expense and several other things that we want to do, I will ask each church to send me 25c and send your report the FIRST of each month, so I can place the state banner. We will run this on the percentage basis and that will give the small schools just as good a chance as the large ones.—C. M. Dunn, state superintendent, Bx. 192, Erwin, N. C.

The Chattanooga district convention will be held in the East Chattanooga church, Feb. 22-24.

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SALOONS ON INCREASE

Before prohibition went into effect there were 177,000 saloons in the United States. At the close of fiscal year, June 30, 1934, government licenses show that 437,704 retail license were issued thru establishments selling beer and hard liquor; 230,472 of these were for beer joints, the remaining 207,232

were for establishments selling hard liquor, wines, etc. Arrests increased since repeal of prohibition in large cities as follows: New York, 55.5 per cent, Philadelphia, at Christmas time, 912 per cent; Detroit, Mich., 164 per cent; Coatsville, Pa., 1100 per cent; Worcester, Mass., 54 per cent; Denver, 160.6 per cent; Los Angeles, 195.5; Portland, Ore., 116.8 per cent; Figures given by Editor of Prophecy and Literary Digest.

PROSPERITY IN PALESTINE

While the world as a whole faces bankruptcy and general depression, there is one little spot which enjoys prosperity; namely, Palestine. Governmental clearings for

the year 1934 amounted to 2,000,000 pounds sterling or approximately \$10,000,000, thus increasing the total surplus in treasury to approximately \$25,000,000. Was it not God who said, "Blessing I will bless thee," and is not this prosperity an evidence of divine faith? Reports coming from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem show an enrollment of eight hundred students for this year as against less than half that number last year, more than two hundred applications were turned down. It is estimated that approximately 250,000 Jews now inhabit Palestine. Lands continue to be purchased, industry to thrive as a result of the returning seed of Abraham.

Fasting

E. C. CLARK

Introduction

The question has been asked, is fasting biblical, what is the results to be derived therefrom and what are the requirements incident to fasting?

TEXT: "But the days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and then shall they fast in those days." Luke 5:35.

The language of our text is the reply of Jesus to those who question why the disciples of John and the Pharisees used to fast, but thy disciples fast not. So long as Jesus, the Comforter of His disciples,

remained with them, and just so long as the power of His ministry had its origin alone in Him, there was no necessity for the disciples to fast. Those times were days of proof of the Sonship of Christ's own ministry in which the disciples could, in reality, add nothing by their fasting.

Our Example

Jesus was our outstanding example as a minister. No sooner was He endued with power from on high at the river of Jordan. Matt. 3:17, than He was led of the Spirit into the wilderness

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where He spent forty days and nights in fasting and in prayer in conflict against Satan. Matt. 4:1. If it was necessary for Him as the Son of God, after He had been anointed with power from on high to spend time in fasting and prayer, much more so is it needful that we spend time in fasting and prayer; and with this view our text is in accord.

After the bridegroom, Christ, was taken away, He told His disciples plainly that then shall the children of the bridechamber fast. The rendering from Mark 1:12 would give it that the Spirit driveth Him forth into the wilderness, and oftentimes this is the only way that God may get us in prayer that He may use us, by the Spirit urging, compelling and driving us forth on the mission for which we are called of God. Jesus wrestled in the wilderness by fasting and prayer, though weak and haggard, until He had victory over His human desire, His appetite, His ambition for self-glory or personal attainment and was at last able to say, Get thee hence Satan. There is no way by which we may arm ourselves for conflict with Satan except by fasting and prayer.

An Exile

There was another captive in exile I would have you notice, the man Daniel, down at Babylon. He did not only spend time in prayer, remembering Jerusalem and his homeland, but even under sentence of death he opened the windows of His chamber towards Jerusalem and kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God. The desire and ambition of Daniel was intensified as years passed by, and when he knew that after seventy years the Lord would again visit Jerusalem we find him as mentioned in Daniel 9:3 with his face set to seek the Lord God by prayer and supplication with fasting in sackcloth and ashes. This fast possibly lasted for a period of three weeks as we learn from Dan. 10:12, 13, "for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days."

It is the opposition concerning the manifestation of divine things

which necessitates that we should spend time in fasting and prayer. When Israel was apostatized and backslidden from God; that nation was awakened and stirred by the prayers of Elijah the prophet. Before Jehovah sent him to Mt. Carmel to face the false prophet, Baal, be it remembered that he had spent the greater part of three and one-half years in fasting and in prayer. One of these fasts lasted at least forty days and nights. Another such fast was accomplished by Moses during the days of his interview with God on Mt. Sinai. In the person of Jesus, Daniel, Elijah, and Moses we have individuals who were developed thru fasting and prayer for special purposes, signs, and wonders, during times of crises which were qualified through fasting and prayer and a life secluded with God.

Purpose of Fasting

From Dan. 10:12 we learn that it is a means of chastening one's self. By it the proud are humiliated and abased. It was after the declaration of fasting and prayer which was actually put into practice that the city of Nineveh was spared from the judgments pronounced against it by the prophet Jonah. Ch. 3:6, 10.

We are commanded by our Lord in Matt. 6:17, "when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Our Lord has here given a definite outline. Fasting should be in secret with anointed head, our face washed; the evidences that we must appear tidy and dress as though we are ready for entertaining the king when we enter the secret chamber of prayer.

During times of fasting we learn of our human weaknesses, the flesh is crucified, the spirit is exalted and God is glorified. Following such arming of yourselves God will reward thee openly. The practice of fasting was followed by the apostles as is very evident in the light of Acts 13:2 where it is written, "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." After God's will had been made known concerning these brethren they continued in fasting and prayer after which

they laid their hands on them and sent them away, V. 3. The Apostle Paul instructed the Corinthians in Chap. 7:5 that the man or his wife might have reasonable excuse by consent to give themselves to fasting and prayer. Again in 2 Cor. 6:5 we learn that it was a part of humiliation and hardships suffered by the apostle listed with stripes, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watchings, and fastings. Notice the plural word for "fasting," showing that it was a repeated occurrence, and again in the 11th chapter and 27th V. we hear him say, "In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often."

Fasting was original in Old Testament times and was practiced by our Lord and by the apostles and the early Church. It has a definite method of procedure as a means of accomplishing things for God. Concerning the lunatic mentioned in Matt. 17 possessed of an evil spirit, and over which the disciples had no power, Jesus admonished them saying, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting," v. 21. In the light of these scriptures the purpose of fasting is evident. It is that we may put on the power of the Spirit, that we may be clothed with it and thus put off the weakness of the flesh.

From the Psalmist David we learn that he humbled himself with fasting, Psa. 35:13; and that his knees were weak from fasting, Psa. 109:24. Many old time Pentecostal evangelists do not attempt preaching in a revival until the church has spent three or four days and nights in fasting and in prayer. The Spirit cannot work until the flesh is crucified. Fasting has always left its evidence as being a means by which spiritual blessing is sought and obtained.

When Should We Fast

This is a question that I could not answer for all. The Lord Jesus was led of the Spirit into His long and continued fast but by comparison of scriptures relating to it, it will be found that we are taught to fast by practice; and by examination of the apostolic writings we find these commands were carried out. Concerning the evil spirit mentioned above which could only be cast out by fasting and prayer, we learn that fasting is a weapon by which we may oppose evil powers. By examining our text again it

is very evident that the purpose of fasting in the absence of the bridegroom would be incident to bringing back His presence and comfort to His people.

The Spirit sometimes definitely leads people to fast. It has been so in my own personal experience and with many others. Still others say they have no direction of the Spirit concerning fasting, do not believe in it, and even go so far as to oppose it. Sometimes your human instinct will tell you that a fast is necessary and it is not wrong to obey that instinct as it is scriptural in its purpose as well as example. Faith in the promises and commands of our Lord provides that we may fast when we

so desire.

Those who are not strong physically should be careful to not over-tax their strength unless God especially leads them. Persons who are not physically strong should never fast unless definitely led to do so. The Lord would have us to guard our health. I have heard of persons who claim that they lose desire for nourishment and can fast with great ease, while on the other hand it is with intense suffering to others. Some fleshy people could go for a few days without injury while other persons, to miss a single meal it is a great burden. Persons who walk carefully with the Lord in the Spirit should know when and how long to fast.

established upon the earth. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

They then remembered His statement to them relative to the establishment of His kingdom on the earth. "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return," Luke 19:12. Jesus had set in motion certain forces which during His physical absence were operating to commit into His hands a kingdom, which upon His return, was to be established upon the earth.

"When the Son of man shall come (return) in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then, shall he sit upon the throne of his glory," Matt. 25:31. "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth," Zech. 14:9.

"And before him shall be gathered all nations," Matt. 25:32, and "out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it he should smite the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron," Rev. 19:15. "The Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion and in Jerusalem," Is. 24:23. "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it," Isa. 9:7. "I Jesus * * * I am the root and offspring of David****," Rev. 22:16. "Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain (nation) of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain (nation)," Zech. 8:3. I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war," Rev. 19:19. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom** it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever," Daniel 2:44. "The kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens shall be given to the people of the saints of the most high, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him," Dan. 7:27.

"In the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain (nation) of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains and many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up

The Mysteries of God: The Kingdom

H. V. MILLER

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The third development of God's kingdom is the establishment of the kingdom of heaven upon the earth.

The Israelites were justified in their expectation that their Messiah, when He should come would reign over their nation as a powerful king, subduing the nations of the ungodly. Their prophets had clearly advanced this teaching. They were unable to understand or to accept the claims of Jesus Christ to the Messiahship. He came to them in meekness and humility. His doctrine was a doctrine of non-resistance and charity. When apprehended and questioned before Pilate Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world," John 18:36, explaining that if He had been going about to found a kingdom on worldly lines and of worldly texture, "then would my servants fight. But," said he, "now is my kingdom not from hence."

The Jews crucified their king. The expectation of the people perished—now they knew positively that this man was not He of whom the prophets spoke. Even the disciples, who had heard all of the teaching on the spiritual development of the kingdom were fallen

into despair. With all they had heard, at heart they still were Israelites and cherished the national hope; the glorious reign of a righteous king on David's throne.

Then came the resurrection; the flame of hope was kindled afresh. "Wilt thou," asked they, "at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" He did not say to them that the kingdom should not be restored but simply replied, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power." Acts 1:6-7. Theirs it was to tarry until baptized with the Holy Ghost, Acts 1:45, and then to go forth as witnesses of the resurrection, Acts 1:8; 2:32; 4:33, and teachers of the nations, Matt. 28:20. Gradually it dawned upon them that their task was the founding of a spiritual empire. They were to preach the kingdom gospel, calling sinners to repentance, that they might be converted and become from their hearts the loyal subjects of heaven's King. At an appointed time, "which the Father hath put in His own power," Acts 1:6; after the gospel of the kingdom had been proclaimed among all the nations, the period of proclamation would end, then Jesus would return and the kingdom of heaven would be

to the mountain (nation) of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion: and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem," Micah 4:1, 2. "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles," Zech. 14:16. "In that day shall be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD;*" Zech. 14:20, "for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea," Isaiah 11:9. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth."

Each dispensation has brought an increase of God's government. First, the submission of a few righteous individuals, and the chosen nation; then, the founding of the invisible kingdom set up in the hearts of all who would repent and believe the gospel. The coming kingdom of heaven, with Satan bound, the righteous resurrected and Jesus reigning, will exceed every other dispensation in the re-establishing of God's kingship over the moral order of creation.

At the end of one thousand years a final test will be applied to discover which of the nations have submitted to the authority of Christ of their own free will and which have acceded only because of the compelling rod of iron (Rev. 20:7-9). The "children of the kingdom," and the "children of the wicked one," Matt. 13:38, will at that time be finally separated. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. THEN shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER**" Matt. 13:41-43.

"He must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, WHEN HE SHALL HAVE PUT DOWN ALL RULE AND ALL AUTHORITY AND POWER." "And when all these things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL," 1 Cor. 15:28. AMEN.

ed, and answered in the same way. Mrs. Fox resumes, "Many remained in the house all night. I and my children left the house. On the next Saturday the house was filled to overflowing. There were no sounds heard during the day, but they commenced again in the evening. It was said that there were over three hundred persons present at the time. On Sunday the noises were heard throughout the day by all who came to the house."

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"The Fox family," says A. Conan Doyle, "were seriously troubled by the disturbances—Mrs. Fox's hair turned white in a week, and as it became apparent that these were associated with the two young daughters they were sent from home." "It speedily became evident, then, that these unseen forces were no longer attached to any building, but that they had transferred themselves to the girls. In vain the family prayed with their Methodist friends that relief would come. In vain also were exorcisms performed by the clergy of various creeds. Beyond joining with loud raps in the amens, the unseen presences took no notice of these religious exercises."

From the events thus described Modern Spiritualism dates its rise. Not that there had been no similar spirit manifestations before this time; again quoting Doyle, "The only difference between these episodes and the modern movement is that the former might be described as a case of **stray wanderers** from some further sphere, while the latter bears the sign of a **purposeful and organized invasion**. But as an invasion might well be preceded by the appearance of pioneers who search out the land, so the spirit influx of recent years was heralded by a number of incidents which might well be traced to the Middle Ages or beyond them."

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And an invasion it has indeed proven to be. At once numbers were found who possessed the power of mediumship and many messages and demonstrations began to come from the spirit world. Before witnesses, oftentimes unbelieving witnesses and whose testimony is irrefutable, astonishing demonstrations took place. Luminous hands appeared, picking up pencils and writing messages; mysterious lights floated in the air; books,

Past, Present, and Future-Spiritualism

At Hyndsville, New York, in the year 1848, a certain house became the scene of uncanny events destined to have far-reaching influence upon the rest of the world. This house was tenanted at the time by a "decent farmer family of the name of Fox," Methodists in religion. Two children were residing at home at the time of the occurrences here narrated.

Early in the year 1848, rapping noises were heard about the house from time to time, coming from no explainable source. By the middle of March in that year these noises had increased to such an intensity as to so alarm the children that they refused to sleep apart and were taken into the bedroom of their parents. The noises at times sounded like a rapping on walls or doors, at other times they sounded like the rumble of moving furniture. They were frequently of such intensity as to cause the beds to vibrate in response.

One night while the rappings were occurring, to give the exact words of Mrs. Fox, "My youngest do as I do," clapping her hands. The child, Cathie, said, 'Mr. Splitfoot sound instantly followed her with the same number of raps. Then Margarette said in sport, 'Now do as I do, count one, two, three, four,' striking one hand against the other at the same time; the raps came as before. She was afraid to repeat them. I then thought I could put a test that no one in the place could answer. I asked the noise to rap my different children's ages successively. Instantly each one of my children's ages was given correctly, * * * I then asked, 'Is it a human being that answers my questions so correctly?' There was no rap. I asked, 'Is it a spirit? If it is make two raps.' Two sounds were given as soon as the request was made.

Various neighbors were called in and scores of questions were ask-

music boxes, tables, etc. were moved about, musical instruments played, etc.

In 1869, a committee of thirty-four London 'gentlemen of standing' were appointed to carefully investigate spiritualistic phenomena. "The members of this committee were drawn from many varied professions and included a doctor of divinity, two physicians, two surgeons, two civil engineers, two fellows of scientific societies, two barristers, and others of repute. Charles Brodlaugh the Rationalist was a member. Professor Huxley and G. H. Lewis were invited to co-operate." "Six sub-committees of this investigating body set forty times under test conditions." Their report was made in 1871.

The afore mentioned committee reported that sounds occurred without being produced by muscular action or mechanical contrivance; movements of heavy bodies also occurred without contact or connection with any person. Sounds occurred in response to questions asked, giving answers by a simple code of signals, the answers thus obtained being for the most part correct.

Thirteen witnesses stated that they had seen heavy bodies, in some instances men, rise slowly in the air and remain there for some time without visible or tangible support. Fourteen witnesses had seen hands or fingers lifelike in appearance but not appertaining to any human being.

Eight witnesses had received precise information through rappings, writings, etc., which they found upon inquiry to be correct. This information was sometimes in the form of foretelling events days and even weeks before their occurrence.

Evidence was given of trance speaking, of healing, of automatic writing, the introduction of flowers and fruits into closed rooms, of voices in the air, of visions in crystals and glasses, and of the elongation of the human body.

It would seem that the spirit world is prepared to present most any kind of evidence necessary to convince investigators of the reality of spirit phenomena.

Spirit operations were not uncommon in the earliest historical times. The Israelites were forewarned, "When thou art come into

the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard or a necromancer." Deut. 18:10-11. God further said, "All that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord." V. 12.

The powers of darkness have very cleverly prepared the world for the present day invasion of spirit forces. The widespread devotion to materialism leading to unbelief in, and denial of, all non-material powers is the best preparation the devil could have made to lead the world into spiritualism. Man is a changeable creature and his reactions are extreme. As the human race tires of its materialistic doctrines, the reaction comes and Satan's new religion stands ready with open arms to receive all who will run to its embrace.

NOTICES

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All ministers and clerks on the district, and as many others as can come, should be present for every service. For information write E. M. Ellis, 2315 N. Chamberlain Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.—M. P. Cross, overseer of Tennessee.

REQUESTS

Please pray for an unsaved woman who is in the hospital and the doctors have no hope for her. Pray for her healing and that the Lord will save her.—A sister, Nellie Wilson, 242 St. John St., Nelsonville, Ohio.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are in a new field and ask that you pray for us. We are in a revival at Sylva and are going from here to Whittier, N. C. We want to see

many souls saved. Pray that God will bless this district. — Your brother in Christ, T. C. Wiggins, Cullowhee, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body.—Bertha Hugendubler, Hershey, Pa.

Dear readers, I have a very urgent request that you pray for God to undertake for the church here. Some are trying to take the building in which we worship. If we lose this place it is doubtful if we can get another because people have hardened their hearts against the Lord and His message. Pray a special prayer for us.—Yours in Christ, Gladys Bradley, Blythe, Calif.

Please pray for my mother-in-law, Mrs. John Goss. She is in a bad condition, has dropsy, high blood pressure, and heart trouble. Please pray for the Lord to heal her. Please pray for me and my family. Pray for my boy to be healed of cold and sore throat.—Mrs. Albert Goss, Mill Creek, W. Va.

Please pray for God to heal me.—A sister, Louisa Craft, 1213-2nd Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

I want you to pray a special prayer for my wife as she has had typhoid fever, has leakage of the heart and other troubles and her mind is in a serious condition. Pray that God will heal her body. She has helped pray many thru as I have preached. We have been on the battle field three years.—Humbly your brother, Beuford Woolwine, Chilhowie, Va.

Please help me plead with the Lord to save my companion. He is deep in sin and a slave to drink. Pray earnestly that God will let him see his lost condition and be saved. Pray, pray until your prayers go thru. I have an unspoken re-

REPRINTED MINUTES

Due to increase of orders and calls for Minutes of last Assembly, we have decided to reprint them. Please send your orders in at once to guide us in making reprint. Make your order as large as possible. We made liberal allowance this year and now we need your co-operation in sales effort to help us dispose of reprint.

quest for prayer. Just pray about it, God knows what it is.—A sister.

We are a little band here struggling along, don't have any pastor. Please pray for the Lord to open a way for us to build a little church. He has already laid it on one sinner's heart to give some lumber to help. Please remember us in prayer.—A sister, Mrs. C. K. Puffenberger, Deerfield, Va.

Pray that God will continue to bless in our revival. A goodly number have prayed thru to victory.

Pray that we will get a new building soon.—Sincerely, W. W. Smethers, pastor, Edinburg, Tex.

Please pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost. I don't belong to any church but intend to join the Church of God.—Lloyd Hoytt, Walhalla, S. C.

God has given us a new church in Chillicothe, Mo., with thirteen members. Pray for us. We are still here. Seven have been saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost.—Effie Mills and Maud Vanderford.

for Him and they both give Him a hearty welcome, in the one simple but significant word, "Come, Lord Jesus." It is the voice of the Spirit in the heart of the Spirit-filled believer that inspires him or her to look up with glad expectation, saying, "Come, Lord Jesus." Twice in this same chapter does the Lord Jesus say, "I come quickly." The Spirit-filled people who surely will constitute His bride, give hearty response, "Even so come, Lord Jesus." The last prayer in the Bible links with the last promise, "Surely I come quickly." How significant that voice of the Spirit is being increasingly heard over the entire earth. The hearts of God's dear children are crying aloud, pleading and looking for their Savior. Never before were there so many individuals moved by the Holy Ghost within them to sincerely say, "Come." We hear the sound on every hand coming from the Spirit-filled saints looking for the soon return of our Lord. Thank God, thousands upon thousands are heard saying, "Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole. I want thee to forever live in my soul."

The Wonderful Invitation

"Let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will let him come and take of the water of life freely." This is a broad invitation to every nation and every tribe to be a partaker of what our Lord so often spoke of on earth. This water of life is indeed the great blessings that Jesus came to bring for He said, "If I go not away the Comforter will not come." After His power to bless human hearts on earth, He returned to heaven and sent us another Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, and this invitation to come and take of the water of life certainly includes this blessing. It is offered to all who will take it. The hand of faith in Him who was crucified on Calvary and bore our sins in His own body on the tree, is the hand that lays

The Soon Coming of Jesus

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this is especially to the descendants of Abraham. "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." Of course this has reference to the glorious millennium.

The Dark Days

We are now indeed in the dark days. Much has happened and is happening calculated to make us fear. Even in these last days of grace the great falling away from the Christian faith, the modernist movement, thousands of professed Christians following Jesus afar off, in fact, the crucifixion and the shed blood of Calvary, are not having the effect on thousands who profess to know Him. This certainly is the last falling away and it is a dark day for thousands who are deceived and led captive at Satan's will.

Matt. 24: 21, "For then shall be great tribulations such as were not from the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." This of course refers to the seven years of tribulation that shall come on all those who fail to go in the rapture. From my viewpoint, the day in which we are living is a day of deception, a day of denying of God and His power, a day of falling away among those who profess to know Him, minifying the grace of God in the heart, living after their own lusts. Matt. 24 refers to the awful time of trouble that will come upon all those who live in this careless way, but thanks be unto God, there is a glorious and bright tomorrow, and, oh, how

comforting, therefore, is the announcement, "I am the bright and morning star."

In the midst of the darkest hour of trial the morning star will be seen. He, Jesus, shall appear, He says, Rev. 2:28, "I will give him the morning star," proving beyond a doubt that those who fully trust Jesus will receive the light and glory of this morning star, which is Jesus. What a privilege to those who overcome the temptations of this dark hour! What a cheer to His people who are looking thru the shadows for Him to come! Yes, we are looking for this glorious Herald to make His appearance, and while the powers of darkness are mobilizing and it seems that we are in more confusion than in any day since Jesus went away, we feel sure that His coming is near.

The Announcement

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come."***And let him that is athirst say, Come." These words follow the announcement so that as soon as He mentions Himself as the morning star, there is an answer from earth made to our Lord, addressed to Him by the Holy Ghost and the Church which is His bride. They are both longing

FREE LITERATURE

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hold on Him who offers and gives the water of life. It is free; it costs you nothing, even tho it cost Him all. I have heard of a remark that the time would come when everybody would receive the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." This had reference to the different tribes and nations, I am sure, but the invitation is to whosoever will and I am persuaded to believe that such a misapplication of the Scriptures will be very detrimental to those who should be seeking the Lord.

TESTIMONY OF BEN M. BRIGHT PUBLICITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR VARIOUS RELIGIOUS OR- GANIZATIONS

One will notice in reading newspaper articles that five questions; namely, what, who, where, when, and why or how, are answered, the order of each in the article depending on the unusual feature or news interest of each one.

To me the greatest event of my life is the experience of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost on Tuesday evening, January 15, 1935.

It is not likely that any one had more barriers or handicaps than I had to receive this blessing. I had heard so many different sides of the question of holiness, that I began to search the Bible myself.

During all this searching I attended services at different churches observing their actions, methods, their daily living and the extent of their seeking more spiritual knowledge and power. Finding good principles in all, some better than others, I humbly asked God to lead me in the right way, to put conviction on me for all that I needed.

It has taken several months to gain the battle. When I "covered" the Assembly at Cleveland in 1933 for the Chattanooga Times, I "thought" that I was in good spiritual condition. Every service of my church and Sunday School found me in attendance there, yet I smoked my pipe, cigars, and cigarettes; went to shows and ball games; played pool, billiards, cards, and enjoyed the other worldly amusements. My presumed excellent spiritual condition received a decisive shock when I met the delegates and visitors to that Assembly.

Prior to being converted I had labored against that conviction for three years, in which time I did not know what was wrong with me. I had gone to medical doctors who examined me but who could not find anything wrong with me and who could not diagnose my case. Then it was suggested that I was insane, so it came about that I was arrested and held without bond for lunacy. In a few days a sanity commission was appointed to examine me. They conducted many tests and observations but came to the conclusion that I was not crazy. In dismissing my case they told my accuser that if I were crazy that half of the people ought to be in asylums and the other half should be sent to school and college to prepare them to be the same way.

God works in mysterious ways. In the course of time I met and became a friend of a young married couple who attended church and insisted that I attend with them. I did so and then ascertained what was wrong with me. I needed God. My first step towards the altar was the only one that I had to make because God met me there. I was saved, my burdens were gone, I felt and was free. I was baptized and joined a Baptist church.

With all my filthy habits I started to work for the Lord. He had given me the talent to write so I served Him as volunteer publicity representative. As such I met Brother E. L. Simmons, pastor of the Bell Avenue Church of God in North Chattanooga, who arranged for me to attend the Assembly at Cleveland. While there my duties required me to sit in the midst of the leaders and bishops. You can

perhaps imagine how I, a presumed Christian, with my tobacco and other filthy habits, felt sitting there.

Before the Assembly was over I was under the burden of conviction for sanctification. The best description that I can give of this experience is like a storeroom where many containers are located all being full of contents that are objectionable to God.

Since that Assembly in 1933 I have been draining or emptying those containers that held habits which stood between me and the fullness of God's blessings. I would empty one container of its contents then turn it over to the Lord then He would point out another to be emptied and then others until they were all emptied. Then I began to hunger for that emptiness to be filled. I cried, prayed and held on because there was too much at stake to let go. Like Jacob of old I wrestled and held on. I told Him of His promises, that I had given up what He told me to give up and that if there was anything else to take it too but that I was holding on to His promises. That settled the wrestling. I heard heavenly laughter, strange voices and something clutched the dead linings out of those empty containers which had held the things objectionable to God, then they were filled with contents which pleases God. I know they please Him because when this filling was taking place I was in glory and was talking in other voices. I do not know what was said. Thank God, I know the experience is real and that it has given me the foundation to be a worker for Him.

He and His interests are the paramount and only issues of my

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life now. I am not worried about the future. Whatever He has predestined for me to do I am ready and willing to do. I earnestly thank Him for considering me worthy of His confidence, for the trials and tests that He sent to me and if there are others that will enable me to get closer to Him and if it is His will that He send them too so that I may grow in His favor and grace.

SPECIALS

JASPER, Fla.—I am so glad I can praise my dear Savior this morning because He is so precious to me. I praise Him for the Sunday School here. We have the Florida state Sunday School banner and we are going to keep it as long as possible. Our church service is also fine. The Lord is blessing us and we do praise Him for it. We are looking forward for greater things. We have just built a new parsonage, also got a piano for which we thank the Lord. Remember us in prayer, we want to be our best for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Marie Kirkland.

HAPPY IN THE WORK FOR THE LORD

SEMINOLE, Okla.—Dear Evangel family greetings of love to you. This is my first time to write you but this writing finds me happy on the way from earth to glory. These past few weeks have been happiness to me. The Holy Ghost and the Church of God are so precious to me that I could not live without them. I just now feel something bubbling up in my soul. Thank God for the blessing. I am so thankful for the way God blessed me in coming to the Church of God altho I once was misled or deceived. I thank God for coming to us people in Oklahoma. I think there has been something like one hundred of us down here who have made the step and more people are looking "over the fence." My wife and I pastor the church at Seminole. Please pray for us. We want to do more for the Master.—H. M. Madewell and wife, Box 1216.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. — We thank the Lord this morning for the wonderful success He gave us here in a meeting. How the saints of The Church of God here and of Hope Mills and the other denominations stood by us and helped us!

We can never find words to express our thanks unto God for the fellowship and courtesy shown us here. The offerings were fine. God bless Brother Cagle. Oh, how we love him. Another thing we praise God for is that God healed a sister in our presence at 322 Russell St. She testified that five physicians had given her up. Thank God for the signs.—Humbly, The Bass Band.

We organized a Y. P. E. Nov. 7, 1934. We elected officers after our Wednesday night prayer meeting and our first meeting was held Saturday, Nov. 10th. Brother A. J. Swift, our pastor, is president. We began with thirty-one members and have increased about seven or eight. We have our meetings every Saturday night with a large attendance. The Lord is blessing and we are having good services. Every one is invited to attend our Y. P. E. and church service. Pray for our meeting and our pastor.—Mrs. Ellen Howell, Goldsboro, N. C.

DAYTON, Ohio.—At the close of the ministers' meeting in Ohio Brother Albert Teaster came to Dayton for a few nights' service. The crowds and interest increased and the meetings continued eleven nights. God blessed in a marvelous way as the sick were anointed and prayed for. A little dumb girl was prayed for and God wonderfully healed her and now she speaks. Many healings of this type took place. Such large crowds gathered in the mission hall until many were turned away. God blessed in saving people. Eleven were saved, thirteen sanctified, and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Teaster's messages on the gospel were certainly enjoyed, also his marvelous experience as he related how God healed and raised him up from the bed of affliction

to testify and witness to thousands of people. It was indeed a pleasure to have him with us.—Reporter, Mrs. R. G. Cockerell.

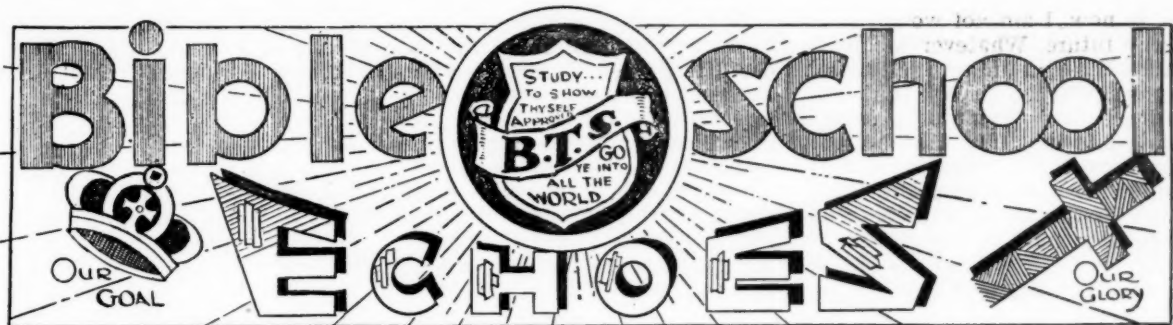
BALDWIN, Miss.—I thank God for the revival we had. The dear Lord blessed wonderfully. Brother S. V. Grimes was in charge of the meeting and he gave out the Word of God under the mighty power of God. Hungry souls fell at the altar and prayed and cried out to God for mercy. Six were filled with the Holy Ghost, about eight sanctified and a number saved. Brother McRae helped in the services with his good singing and music. We learned to love Brother McRae, also Brother Kent, Sister Extra Willie and Sister Ruth Crumbs. We appreciated their help. Many are looking this way saying there's bound to be something to it. We are expecting a church to be set in order soon. Everybody pray for this place as it is a new field, also pray for me that I might continue to live a bright shining life before the people and that I will lead lost souls to Him. Pray for my unsaved husband.—Your sister in Christ, Lillian Palmer.

ALTOONA, Ala.—I thank the Lord for what I feel in my soul and for His healing power. I know I haven't lived as I should but I want all to pray for me that I might be more humble than ever before and do the little things that I can do for Him. Pray for the saints at Altoona that they might be more humble than ever.

It seems like sometimes I have gone as far as I can but I know God is hearing and answering prayers. If we will stop where God wants us we will overcome. By the grace of God I mean to fight the battle and live for God. Every one who reads this please pray for me that I might live for God and do His will.—Vernice Lindsey.

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MY APPRECIATION FOR B. T. S.

Dear Evangel Readers: I wish to express my appreciation for being in B. T. S. this term. To say the Lord has been good to us would be mild. We've had many good blessings which I shall never forget. After longing for three years to be here, I have enjoyed being here these four months. It has really meant much to me but I am sure it will mean much more in the future.

Hurrah for B. T. S. and its consecrated young men and women who are studying for the work of the Lord. Here is one who shall always be a booster for B. T. S. When I return to Montana I desire the prayers of those who know the value of prayer, that I may be a better worker for my Master.—Miss Olga Vik, Big Timber, Mont.

OUR SOULS ARE BLESSED

Dear Evangel Readers: Truly I praise the Lord for His blessings to me. I am glad that He one day called me from a life of sin and that I heeded His call. He saved my soul, sanctified and filled me with heaven's good Holy Ghost. I also thank the Lord for the privilege of being here in B. T. S. again this term. Truly this is the best place this side of heaven. As we study God's good Word and the other studies of how He has blessed His children in the past and what He has in store for us today, the power of the Holy Ghost comes down and blesses our souls. My heart's desire is to study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15), and for my life to be a light to some one that they may turn from the paths of sin and live for the Lord.—Addie M. Perkins, Macon, Ga.

DESIRE TO CARRY THE TRUTH TO THE PHILIPPINES

Dear Evangel Readers: Greetings to you all in Jesus' name. Just a few words of thanks to God for His great love and mercy to me all these years. I am more than glad to be back in school again. The Lord hath done great and wonderful things for me this year. Blessed be His good name! With all my heart, mind, soul and body, with my little knowledge and understanding of God's plan for mankind and His love and power to save lost souls from sin, I will gladly say, The God that we are serving is the true God, worthy of all praise, thanksgiving, and sacrifice. Glory to His name! We could never praise Him enough for what He has done for us.

I am so glad for the great opportunity of being here in Bible School. It is the greatest privilege I have ever had. Surely all I know I owe it to God, mother, and the teachings of the Church of God Bible Training School here in Cleveland.

But while I am here in school enjoying God's blessings in my soul, my mind is wandering in a far distant land among the heathen tribes ruled by the God of this world. Oh, brother, sister, friend, pray for me as I am longing for the time to come when this truth of the gospel will be proclaimed in the midst of my people who have been calling for some one to tell them more of this kind of doctrine. I have received two letters from the Philippines asking me when shall these things be, also wanting me to go and prove to them (make clearer to their minds) what I have been writing them about the Holy Ghost and the Church of God. I write them quite a bit about the promise of the Holy Ghost and His coming according to Acts 2:4, then about the Church which was

mentioned later after the Holy Ghost descended. I know some will be against me if I go, but when I think of Christ saying, "The harvest is already white, who will go and work in my vineyard?" I can't help but say, "Lord, here am I, if thou wilt be with me I will go wherever you want me to go." Then it seems as if an answer comes back saying, "Be brave, little boy, I will be with you, I will take care of thee and never leave nor forsake thee unto the end. Go and hurry, tell the news."

Brothers and sisters, my people need this kind of salvation. I want to go for the Lord, with the determination of preaching the gospel message, both willing to live and to die in the heathen lands for the truth and Christ. Pray God to provide the means for me to preach there. By God's help I am ready to go any time the Lord says go. Please remember me in your prayers. Pray for us in B. T. S.—Your brother from the Philippine Islands, Aurelio Tioaquen.

WANT TO SERVE JESUS BY SERVING OTHERS

I am praising God for the privilege of putting an echo of praise in the Evangel for B. T. S. I truly praise God because I'm privileged to be in school again this term. I want to be a help to some one while in this world. I want my life to be spent for others, and most of all I want to serve Jesus who gave His life for you and me. Praise His good name! I believe this is a school that is pleasing to God and surely the Lord is smiling on our small efforts. Pray for me that I may use this opportunity as I should and be a blessing to some one.—Willie Mae Carroll, Cleveland, Tenn.

IT'S THE LOVE OF JESUS THAT MAKES ME HAPPY

I am praising the dear Lord for

the joy and peace which abides in my soul. I'm truly glad because I have the opportunity of praising my dear Savior, bless His dear name. I feel very unworthy of the many blessings that He bestows upon me, but I am indeed thankful for them, and the desire of my heart is to press forward, live closer to Him, and do more for Him.

I'm so glad that I one day found it wasn't the things of the world that made me happy but the love of Jesus abiding in my heart. If I know my heart, I have the determination to climb higher and so live that God's approval will be on my life. I want to be immaculate in Jesus Christ who is all and all to me. I have had the precious blessing, the Holy Ghost, only three months, but the way grows sweeter to me each day. Glory to God. With His help and guidance I want to be found at my post of duty when Jesus comes.

My words are inadequate to express just what Bible School means to me. My being here is in answer to prayer. Thank God! I solicit the prayers of you readers that I might be completely willing to deny myself, take up the cross, and follow Jesus.—A student, Rachel Stewart, Mississippi.

B. T. S. NEWS

School days are happy days but the sad atmosphere is beginning to dawn, reminding us they will soon be gone.

The keen eye of the Bible School has watched the new publishing house as it climbed higher and higher, week by week, and is delighted to learn that the pressroom and office building is nearing completion. Soon the magnificent building will be finished entirely.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

The question hung heavily upon the minds and hearts of the Parliamentary Law class. The contention grew greater. It culminated into a debate. The same was staged in the main study hall of B. T. S. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p. m. The question was made clear, pro and con, by able speakers, then the results. The question, "Resolved, that Cleveland, Tenn., is a better place for the 30th Annual Assembly than Chattanooga, Tenn.," went to the affirmative.

The regular Friday afternoon service of B. T. S. was rendered this week by Brothers Oval Basham and James Walker, Sister Ava Nelle Baxter, Brother Aurelio Tioaquen, Sister Juanita Kimmel and Brother Ralph Boyles. Several musical numbers were rendered by "Happy Four," "B Natural," "Miriam," and "Pioneer" quartets. The Lord's presence was greatly enjoyed by all.

Happy Four girls' quartet spent last week-end in Daisy, Tenn. They assisted in a meeting there, with their good singing. Remarkable results were reported.

B. T. S. MISSION NEWS

SATURDAY, Jan. 26

The life of a missionary is one

of many sufferings. He surely is one who denies himself to carry the cross for Jesus. In Matt. 16:24 Jesus told His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." We see plainly that a follower of Jesus has a cross of his own to carry. Luke in recording this, said, "Let him take up his cross daily, and follow me," Luke 9:23. There is work to be done for our Master each day of our lives. Sufferings, heartaches, etc., come because of the persecution inflicted on the cross-bearers. Read Luke 14:26-29 and you will find that self-denial is demanded of those who will follow Him.

The multitudes that enthroned Him were told to expect the worst

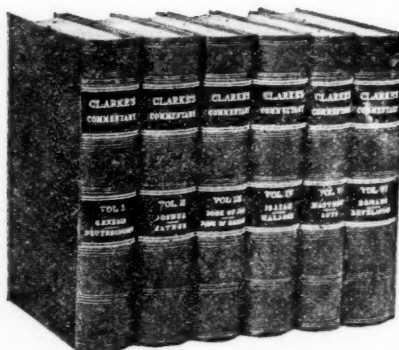
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instead of possibly becoming rich as some of them might have expected. Come on, young people, let's shoulder the cross and win souls for the greatest missionary that ever visited this good old world—Jesus.

The following is a brief report of our work last week:

Benton.—This party consisted of Brothers G. G. Patton and R. R. Walker, who preached; Sister Coats, and Sister Juanita Dixon who conducted the song service; the Pioneer Quartet, B. T. S. Boys' Quartet, Harry Hatcher, Raymond Ashcraft, and the writer. The service was attended by a good size congregation. Mostly young people attend these services at Benton. Please pray that they will accept salvation soon.

Ringgold, Ga.—This party consisted of Brothers Childers, Cutts, Franklin and Aurelio Tioaquen our student from the Phillippines, related his conversion and deeper experience with Jesus, afterward Brother Childers brought the message and numbers came to the altar for prayer. One had received the Holy Ghost since last Saturday and we hope more have prayed thru by the time we arrive next Saturday.

Cleveland.—This service was under the able direction of Brother Bruce McLendon of North Carolina. Brother D. C. Barnes of Florida preached, using "The Second Death" as his subject. Prayer warriors everywhere, pray for the success of these services. — Mission news reporter, Woodrow C. Byrd.

DEATH NOTICES

KALVERUD

John Kalverud died Jan. 7, 1935, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a member of the Church of God and left a testimony that he was ready to go. Funeral services were conducted at Plaza, N. Dak., by Brother Charles Bowen and Sister Winifred Stromswold.

BEARD

Aaron A. Beard died Dec. 31, 1934, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God and will be greatly missed. Funeral services were conducted by J. C. Lentz and W. F. Sharp. Interment was made in the Morgantown cemetery, Morgantown, Miss.

BURNETT

On Jan. 10, 1935, death claimed one of our charter members, Sister Lucy Burnett, age thirty-four years. We have the sweet assurance she is at rest. The funeral was conducted by her uncle, Brother Morgan, assisted by our pastor, Brother G. W. Lane.—One who loved her, Cora Belle Joiner, Sweetwater, Tex.

HENSON

Sister Etta Henson died Jan. 5, 1935. She was a devoted Christian and a loyal member of the Church of God at Great Falls, S. C. Her testimony was, "It's well with me." —Her pastor, John H. Smith.

WHITE

Our father, J. S. White, was accidentally killed in a wreck near Dade City, Fla., Dec. 18, 1934. He was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and was faithful to the end. He was a member and ordained deacon of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by Brother E. W. Williams and interment made in the Zephyrhills cemetery. He was fifty-six years of age.—His daughter, Mrs. Ruby (White) Davis, Apopka, Fla.

GRAY

Death came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCaskill, Jan. 15, 1935, and claimed little Jewell Gray. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Ray Collins, assisted by others and interment was made in the city cemetery.—One who loved her, Edna Allred, Thomasville, N. C.

WOODS

Brother James Frank Woods, age fifty years, and a member of the Church of God at Yazoo City, Miss., died Jan. 19, 1935. I have been his pastor since October, 1933, and found him to be loyal to the church in every way. I believe he was ready to go. Pray for his loved ones.—J. D. Taylor.

PHILLIPS

Mrs. John D. Phillips died Jan. 23, 1935. On Jan. 29 she would have been sixty-three years old. She was a true member of the Church of God. It was sad to give her up but we know she was with Jesus. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother Woods, at Sumiton Church of God, and interment made in the old Phillips cemetery near Dillworth.—Her daughter, Mrs. Cora Kilgore, Cordova, Ala.

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WALKER

Mrs. Emma Josephine Walker was born in Berlin, Wisc., 1867, and moved into Minnesota with her parents when she was three years of age. On April 28, 1886, she was united in marriage to Elmer M. Walker and to this union were born four sons and four daughters, the daughters having preceded her to their eternal home.

Her sickness was of long standing and she suffered much but bore it with patience until she departed this life Jan. 27, 1935. She was sixty-seven years, six months, and twenty days of age. Her life was devoted to her home and the Lord's cause, having been an evangelist in the Church of God for fourteen years, bringing the gospel to hundreds. The first Church of God in the Northwest was organized in her home. She was the first woman evangelist to be licensed by the Church of God in the Northwest. She served as missionary on the North Dakota reservation for two years.

She leaves a husband, E. M. Walker; four sons, Joseph and Richard of Golden Valley, N. Dak., Evangelist Elmer Walker of Laurel, Mont., and Brother Paul H. Walker, state overseer of the Church of God of North Dakota, etc.; four sisters, three brothers, and a host of relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her but our loss is heaven's gain.

A few hours before her death, when she knew her end was near, I entered the room and as I grasped her withered hand the Spirit came upon her and she began to speak with other tongues. Then she interpreted her message: "Thou, the servant of God, and minister of righteousness, press on, stand true, and hold on to God. You may face great tribulations or even death, but keep telling the story that other souls may be saved." As we sang "How beautiful Heaven Must Be," the last song she heard on earth, she rejoiced and said, "I can hear the angels singing. I can see the streets of gold. Oh, it is wonderful!" As her closing hour drew nearer, her face lighted up with the glory of God and she exclaimed, "Oh, I can see the face of Jesus."

The funeral was conducted by Brother D. C. Boatwright and the writer, at the Church of God in

Minot. Interment was made in the Aug. 26, 1896, and died Jan. 21, Church of God cemetery at Ree, N. 1935, being thirty-eight years old. Dak.—D. L. Lemons, pastor, Minot, N. Dak. She was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. She said she was ready to go.—A sister,

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WATFORD

My mother, Mrs. C. M. Watford, Mrs. Eunice Martin, Thomaston, died Dec. 29, 1934, at the age of Ga.

fifty-five years, eleven months, and nineteen days. She was a devoted

Christian and a member of the Margaret Louise Taylor, little Church of God in Orlando, Fla. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The funeral was conducted in the Taylor, was found dead in bed funeral chapel and interment made Jan. 26, 1935. She was born Oct. in Greenwood cemetery here. — 29, 1934 and was two months and Her daughter, Mrs. Audrey W. La-twenty-seven days old. The funeral, 1208 W. Central Ave., Orlando, Fla. was conducted by the pastor, Brother J. D. Taylor, and interment made in the Henson cemetery.—A sister, Mrs. Leroy Taylor,

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TAYLOR

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HASTY

Dear Sister Hasty was born Rt. 2, Yazoo City, Miss.

MISSIONS

THE GOOD SEED ARE SPRING- ING UP

The Church of God at Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama, is moving on fine. I praise the Lord for the wonderful revival at this place. Our dear overseer visited us on Nov. 28 and held six services. The dear Lord was with us in every service, and blessed in a most wonderful way. Four sisters were saved and one filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. Four were added to the great Church of God. We also had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Oh, we had a most wonderful time in the Lord. We were sorry when our dear overseer had to leave us. He sowed the good seed and went on but the seed are springing up here and there. After he left us many were saved, five sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. We believe Brother W. R. Franks is a real man of God and we love him. We have twenty-one members here and we desire an interest in the prayers of those who read this. Pray that the Lord will help us to get a church building soon.—Yours for lost souls, Evelyn Hanna.

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TAKE HEED TO THYSELF

C. E. Glenn, West Devon. P. E. I., Canada.

As this scripture or advice was given to Timothy, to "take heed to thyself." Paul knew the Spirit had spoken and forewarned in those days, and it was not only for them

but now, in the days in which we live, people are departing from the faith, neglecting the gift and not meditating or considering to give themselves wholly to the things Paul speaks of. Paul kept the faith and the right spirit followed. 2. Tim. 4:7. A crown was laid up for him, and he said, "Not to me only but to all that love his appearing." In Heb. 2:1, "We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we let them slip," or drift away from them.

Probably some have been drifting away from the things they have heard, or letting them slip day by day, and many lost souls are needing their help and going down to destruction. God has called us to go into all the world, not around in one state all of our lives. 1 John 3:24, "He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." Ch. 4:13 says He giveth us of His Spirit, and the Spirit Jesus had pleased not Himself. When in the garden He cried, "Not my will but thine be done."

Many are failing because of self-will and departing from the faith or justifying self saying, "I can't go, there is no way," or, "I can't give to the mission fund, I am in need." God says, "Give and it shall be given," and His calling is without repentance. Have faith in God. He

will make the way. When persecutions come they cause us to send out the roots of our faith and take hold of the rock Christ, giving us added strength.

I was looking out of the window when it was storming, and I could see those who were out in it striving and pressing thru to safety and shelter. It was almost impossible to go. And as I thought of how the powers of darkness, the storms of unbelief, and the seducing spirits are all around those who are struggling and warring against them, the Spirit of God thrilled my soul to take heed and go on. I can see the need of 1 John 4:1 which says, "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God." Oh, the different spirits that are manifested in the world! Those who cry and pray for the blessing, if you will say, Lord, I will give all I have and go anywhere You lead me," and will take heed to thyself and not depart from the faith or drift away into other spirits, we can save ourselves and others who will hear us.

SPECIALS

We are glad to join in the one hour prayer. It has already been a blessing to us here. We have had thirteen saved, thirteen sanctified, and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and the Church is on fire

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for God. We are looking for greater things to happen. Prayer is the key to the throne of God. Pray for us here.—A brother in the Master's use, D. E. Weddle, pastor, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

The Church of God at Jasonville, Ind., closed a three weeks' revival Dec. 16, 1935 with twenty-three saved, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Brother Fred Puckett, pastor, had charge of the revival. On Jan. 14, 1935, the Lord opened the way saving three. We are now in another revival. Saints of God everywhere, please pray that this will be the greatest revival God has ever given us. Also remember our pastor.—A sister, Ruby Harlan.

ROSELAND, La.—Dear saints everywhere, I praise my Redeemer for His great love and mercy to me. I am still in the battle for the Lord and right. My wife and I came here about three weeks ago and started a meeting. We have had a struggle. The people are not so interested. This is a little box factory town but our opposers have been here and have gotten things in a tangle, so pray much for us that God will lead the way.

We expect to evangelize this year and if you would like to have our service write us at Kentwood, La., c/o Robert E. Blackwood. To my friends in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas: If you desire to write me address me at the above address. Pray for me and mine that we will please God.—Your humble brother and sister in Christ, L. J. Potts and wife.

SOMERSET, Pa.—We closed a wonderful revival here Dec. 2nd with forty-two saved, twenty-three sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-four baptized in water and twenty-eight added to the church for which we give God the glory. The meeting was conducted by Sister R. e Lucia, an able and talented evangelist, and our pastor, Brother J. A. Bixler.—George H. Sabin, clerk.

MONROE, La.—Brother W. R. Fowler from Booneville, Miss., began a meeting in the Church of God, Sunday night, Nov. 4th. Brother Fowler is truly a man filled with the Spirit. He preached

some wonderful sermons under the power of the Holy Ghost and several came to the altar crying for God to save their souls. The second Sunday night Brother Fowler preached on "Prophecy," and people were stirred. On the 17th and 18th we had Brother Robt. E. Blackwood, our much loved state overseer, with us. He preached Saturday night amidst shouts and praises to God. Oh glory! The power of God came down. And we can never forget the Sunday morning service in which God thru Brother Blackwood spoke to His children's hearts and said, "Come closer." Surely every child of God here has a desire to move forward. Brothers George Hemphill, Ben Strahan and Brother and Sister J. P. Nolan were with us too. The meeting closed the next Sunday night with much good accomplished. Please pray for the work here as there are many people here who need God.—Humbly, O. B. Myrick, pastor.

REPORT FROM INKSTER, MICH.

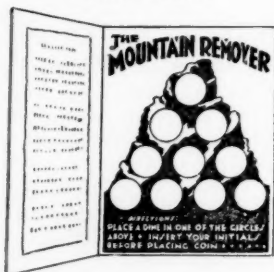
INKSTER, Mich.—Inkster is a little village thirteen miles west of Detroit, a very hard place to work because there is so much oppression on all sides, yet we are thanking God for the victory. Some time in July Brother D. G. Phillips and Brother W. L. Pate started a mission here. A goodly number turned out to the meetings, practically all of them Pentecostal people. After the Assembly at Chattanooga, Tenn., Brother and Sister Pate were transferred to Grand Ledge, Mich., and Brother Phillips sent Brother and Sister Conrad here. We praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing us. Though Brother Conrad has been sick many times in body, he has kept the work going. On Nov. 13th Brother Phillips came and preached a wonderful sermon to us. Eight dear souls were added to the church, six of them filled with the Holy Ghost. We are all so proud to have an exhorter who was formerly a Pentecostal preacher, Sister Georgia M. Schultze. We have Sunday School and won the state banner for a time. We have a splendid Y. P. E. for which we are proud. They are doing nicely considering the length of time the church has been established. It is something of a talk among the older people. We extend a hearty welcome to all who happen to be

in Inkster to come and worship with us. Our meeting nights are Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Pray much for the church here.—C. Williams, clerk.

LANSING, Mich.—Dear saints. I have many things to praise the Lord for. Three years ago I was saved and went to church twice a week but I went to different churches. I was hungry for more experience but I didn't get much until I found the Church of God, praise the Lord. I told God what I wanted and that I was willing to pay the price and praise the Lord He sent Brother and Sister Barnard here who held a six weeks' revival. Seventeen were saved and baptized. I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His good name!

A year ago I had to use two crutches. Today I get around nicely with a cane and some days without a cane. The last doctor I had said the only one who could help me was the Lord and He is my Doctor now. Praise His name. People wonder why I live so happy and blest. It's because I live where I get God's best. God's smallest blessing brings a joy that this world never knew. Pray for me and the church here.—From a brother in Christ, Verne F. Fox, 922 S. Sycamore St.

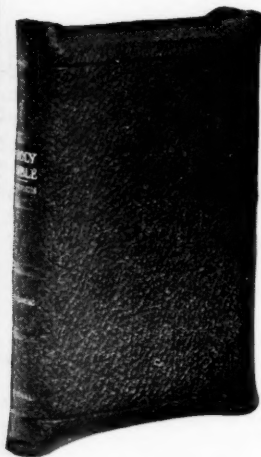
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CHAPTER 43

¹ The Lord comforteth the church with his promises.
¹⁴ He foretelleth them the destruction of Babylon,
¹⁸ and his wonderful deliverance of his people.

BUT now thus saith the LORD
^a that created thee, O Jā'cob,
^b and he that formed thee, O Is'ra-el,

B.C. 712.

a ver. 7.

b ver. 21.

ch. 44, 2, 21.

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c ch. 44, 6.

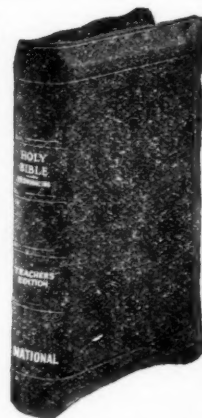
d ch. 42, 6;

45, 4.

and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: "the fore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

¹³ Yea, before the day was I, he; and there is none that can deliver

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DEUTERONOMY, 2

³⁸ But Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: "encourage him: for he shall cause Is'ra-el to inherit it.

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* Num. 14.

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* Ex. 24, 13;

33, 11.

See 1 Sam.

16, 22.

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